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1. ETHIOPIAN PRESS REACTION TO ERITREAN RALLY IN KHARTOUM
ON FERUARY 8 CONTINUES. FRONT PAGE COVERAGE INCLUDES REPORT
OF MASSIVE (SIC) COUUNTER-RALLY IN ASMARA AND SEPARATE STATEMENT
BY MININFO THAT LESS THAN 1,000 ERITREAN REFUGEES TOOK PART
IN KHARTOUM DEMONSTRATION. DEMONSTRATION REPORTED AS INSTIGATED,
PLANNED AND STAGED BY NIMEIRI WITH MAJORITY OF PARTICIPANTS
INTIMIDATE IN PARTICIPATION.

2. PAGE TWO COVERAGE OF FOUR PAGE PAPER TOTALLY DEDICATED TO
ATTACKS ON SUDAN AND ITS COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY ALLIES. ARTI-
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CLES AND EDITORIAL MAKE USUAL ATTACKS AGAINST SUDAN AND
NIMEIRI. ONE ARTICLE, HOWEVER, CONTAINS FOL-
LOWING STATEMENT: " THE EXTERNAL ENEMY OF ETHIOPIAN PEOPLE'S
REVOLUTION CONSISTS OF IMPERIALISM, REACTIONARY ARAB GO-
VERNMENTS LIKE SAUDI ARABIA, KUWAIT, YEMEN, AND SYRIA AS
WELL AS EQUALLY REACTIONARY NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES LIKE
SUDAN."

3. NO MENTION OF SOMALIA THROUGH ENTIRE PAPER. WHILE
SYRIA AND KUWAIT HAVE IN PAST BEEN PUBLICLY IDENTIFIED AS
ENEMIES BY EPMG BY VIRTUE OF THEIR SUPPORT FOR ERITREAN
SECESSIONIST MOVEMENT, THIS FIRST TIME IN OUR MEMORY THAT YAR
HAS BEEN LABELED AS REACTIONARY ARAB ENEMY.
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